Because, once a vote is cast on a machine, the vote is instantly counted.

But when a vote is cast on paper, especially an "absentee" ballot, the chance of it getting counted is, well, as Professor Fitrakis said, a crapshoot.

Turdblossom Rove knew—even if his Fox News buddies didn't—that if Husted disqualified about 20% of the early-voting "absentee" Black ballots on technical grounds, Rove would realize his last, best hope of defeating Obama (and defeating the voters). Fritakis went to court, I went on air, and the mass disqualification of Ohio votes—which worked the trick in 2004—failed in 2012. Barely.

Why am I talking about Ohio 2012? Republicans are conservatives. They find new ways to block voters, but they conserve the old tricks too.

In November 2016, I returned to Freedom Faith Missionary Baptist. Back in the van with the Souls to Polls. The line was down . . . to three hours. And at the end of the wait, once again, "absentee" ballots for the Souls. Trump won Ohio. Congratulations.

And in 2020 . . . ?